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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

FBI, Denver

Date: February 24, 1960

Re: Unsub, aka XYZ
MR. ADOLPH COORS, II - VICTIM
Letter No. 7 - COORMAP,
Postmarked Delphos, Ohio,
2/15/60, 4 p.m.

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No.
Lab. No. 0-320457 DL

Examination requested by: Indianapolis

Reference: Bufile 7-9575

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Remarks:

A report on the fingerprint examination is being submitted separately to all offices receiving copies of this report. The evidence will be returned to the Indianapolis office upon completion of this phase of the examination.

Photographs of Q3 and Q4 are attached for all offices receiving copies of this report.

The envelope and letter, Q1 and Q2, were submitted by the Denver Office with a letter dated 2/16/60.

- Enclosures (4) (Photographs of Q3, Q4, 2 Lab report)
2 - Indianapolis (9-1346) Enclosures (4) (Photographs of Q3, Q4, 2 Lab report)
2 - Cleveland - Enclosures (4) (Photographs of Q3, Q4, 2 Lab report)
1 - Bufile 7-9575
1 - [redacted] Room 5718 (sent direct)
1 - [redacted] Room 5714 (sent direct)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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LAB FILE

Laboratory Work Sheet

LC#24822-24785

Re: Unsub, aka

LATENT

File #

Lab. # D-329457 DL

XYZ;

MR. ADOLPH COORS, II - VICTIM

Letter No. 7 - COORNAP, Postmarked

Delphos, Ohio, 2/15/60, 4 p.m.

EXTORTION

Examination requested by: *Letter sent to Denver*
B Indianapolis (9-1346)

2/19/60

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Date received: 2/22/60

Result of Examination:

Examination by:

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Specimens submitted for examination

Q3 ~~XXXX~~ Envelope bearing hand printed address "MR A. PRICE
FT WAYNE IND" postmarked "OTTAWA, OHIO FEB 18 1960
12:30 PM"

Q4 Accompanying hand printed note beginning "RENT A CAR....,"
and ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ signed on reverse side "XYZ"

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington 25, D. C.

REPORT

of the

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

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Identification Division

February 24, 1960

YOUR FILE NO.
FBI FILE NO.
LATENT CASE NO. 21222

TO: SAC, NEW YORK

RE: JAMES EARL RAY;
W. A. IN (ALIAS), II - VICTIM
LETTER NO. 7 - COURTESY, POSTMARKED
CHIC, 2/13/60, 4 P. M.

REFERENCE: Indianapolis airtel 2-18-60, Buairtel 2-23-60
EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Indianapolis
SPECIMENS: 1 envelope, 1 letter, 14

Latent fingerprints of value developed on front
of envelope, 14. No latent impressions of value developed on
letter. These latent fingerprints are not identical with the latent
fingerprints previously developed in Courtesey or related cases.

The submitted envelope and letter are being ret. and
returned to Indianapolis.

Latent report separate.

Latent report confirms Buairtel of 2-23-60

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1 - Indianapolis (2-18-60) - Rec. (2)

1 - Cleveland

1 - Bureau (2-24-60) (P)

1 - Room 5714, Bureau

1 - Mr. Parsons, Room 7140, Bureau

1 - Mr. DeLoach, Room 5640, Bureau

1 - Mr. Rosen, Room 5706, Bureau

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FBI

Date: 2/19/60

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT
(Type in plain text or code)

Via AIRTEL
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, IN. (44-3886) (9-1345)

Att'n: FBI Laboratory

Re: JAMES EARL RAY, AKA; MR. Adolph Coors, II - Victim
Letter No. 7 - Coors, Postmarked
Chicago, Ill., 1/10/60, 4-12/2.

Re: [redacted]

Re: Denver

Reairtel from Denver dated 2/17/60.

Forwarded herewith to the Bureau is an unopened envelope addressed to
Mr. A. Price, Ft. Wayne, Indiana - General Delivery.

It was obtained February 17, 1960 by SA [redacted] from an anonymous
source at Ft. Wayne.

The FBI Laboratory is requested to search the letter and envelope through
the anonymous letter file, and to examine the letter, to determine
whether any assistance can be given in tracing the source of the letter
addressed to Mr. A. Price and the one described in reairtel.

For information of the Denver and Cleveland Divisions, the letter
being submitted to the FBI Laboratory was received in Ft. Wayne on
February 17, 1960. The envelope is the Government-stamped type sold
to U. S. Post Offices. It is 4 5/8" by 6 1/2" in size.

It was cancelled at Ottawa, Ohio at 12:30 p. m. 2/18/60. There is no
return address on it.

1 - Bureau (44-3886) (9-1345)
1 - Cleveland (44-3886)
1 - Denver
1 - [redacted]

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Approved: EJP

Special Agent in Charge

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The address on the envelope is handprinted in pencil, thus:
"Mr. A. Price, Ft. Wayne, Ind." below this and to the left
of the word "General Delivery."

Attaca, Ind. is north and east of Delphos, Ohio and both
cities are within 20 miles of Fort Wayne, Indiana.

The copy of this communication is being designated for
the Cleveland Division for information purposes because
letter to Mr. A. Price were sent from
cities in its territory and further investigation may
be conducted there.

The FBI Laboratory is requested to furnish the results of
examination and comparison to the Denver, Cleveland and
Indianapolis divisions.

In accordance with instructions in reamintels, no further
investigation is being conducted by IP.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington 25, D. C.

REPORT

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Identification Division

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February 23, 1960

TO: SAC, NEW YORK
 FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (24760)
 SUBJECT: MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

RE: CLEVELAND

RE: MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
 VICTIM - MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
 DATE OF DEATH - APRIL 4, 1968, 4:00 P. M.
 CITY - MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

RE: Airtel 2-18-60
 INFORMATION REQUESTED BY: Denver
 SUBJECT: the envelope, Q1
 the note, Q2

No latent impressions of value for identification
 purposes developed on Q1 or Q2.

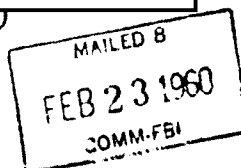
Q1, Q2, and identifying slip enclosed.

Laboratory report separate.

Cleveland (2)

- Denver (7-371 Sub B)
- Indianapolis
- Cleveland
- [redacted] Room 5718, Bureau
- Bufile (7-3575)

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John Edgar Hoover, Director

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 Mr. Callahan
 Mr. Conrad
 Mr. Felt
 Mr. Gale
 Mr. Rosen
 Mr. Sullivan
 Mr. Tavel
 Mr. Trotter
 Mr. Tele. Room
 Mr. Holmes
 Miss Gandy

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FBI

Date:

2/16/60

Transmitted by

PLAIN TEXT

(Type in plain text or code)

Via AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI - ATTENTION FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, DENVER

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, Aka XYZ;
MR. ADOLPH COORS, II - VICTIM
Letter #7 - COORNAP, POSTMARKED
DELPHOS, OHIO, 2/15/60, 4:00 P.M.
EXTORTION

OO: DENVER

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Transmitted herewith for the Bureau are the original and one autostat copy of envelope and letter described below, which were received in connection with the COORNAP investigation. This matter is being handled as a separate extortion case. Autostat copy of this letter and envelope are being forwarded to the Indianapolis and Cleveland Divisions. These specimens are described as follows:

1. Envelope postmarked Delphos, Ohio, 2/15/60, 4:00 p.m., addressed to "Mr. ADOLPH COORS, II, Golden, Colorado."
2. Accompanying handprinted letter beginning "ADOLPH COORS, II, We want..." and ending on the reverse side "...stays that way. (Signed) XYZ."

It is requested that the Laboratory search this letter and envelope through the Anonymous Letter File. It is further requested that the letter and envelope be examined for any information which would assist in tracing the source of this material.

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2- Indianapolis (Enc. - 1)(AM)
1- Cleveland (Enc. - 1)(AM)
2- Denver (9-
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Approved:

Special Agent in Charge

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The letter and envelope should be treated for latent fingerprints.

The results of the examination should be furnished the Denver, Indianapolis, and Cleveland Divisions. The Laboratory should return the original letter and envelope to the Denver Division.

The INDIANAPOLIS Division will make arrangements with the Postal authorities at Ft. Wayne, Indiana, to obtain a letter directed to Mr. A. PRICE, General Delivery, since the extortion letter indicates that such a letter will be at the Post Office, Ft. Wayne. For the information of the Indianapolis Division, the COORS family has requested that the Postal authorities make available to representatives of this Bureau all first class, registered, special delivery, and parcel post mail addressed to various members of this family. It should be noted that the letter directed to A. PRICE, reportedly at Ft. Wayne, Ind., is intended for the addressee of this letter, Mr. ADOLPH COORS, II.

After obtaining the letter directed to A. PRICE from the Ft. Wayne, Ind., Post Office, it should be forwarded to the Laboratory for comparison with instant letter and no other investigation should be conducted at this time. The Denver Division should be advised of the results of this examination.

A copy of this letter is being designated for Cleveland since instant envelope was postmarked at Delphos, Ohio.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

From: Denver (9-New)

Date: February 19, 1960

Unsub, aka

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RE. ADOLPH BLOOM, II - VICTIM

Letter #7 - COOPHAP, POSTMARKED

DELPHOS, OHIO, 2/15/60, 4:00 P.M.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: AIRTEL 2/16/60

SUBJECT: Document - Fingerprint

RE: 100-101

A report on the fingerprint examination is being submitted separately to all offices receiving copies of this report. The evidence will be returned to the Denver Office upon completion of this phase of the examination. Photographs are retained.

The hand printing on the note and envelope is of such a distorted nature that it is very doubtful whether an identification with known standards can ever be made.

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Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

2 - Indianapolis - Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

2 - Cleveland - Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

1 - Bureau file 7-9575

1 - [redacted] Room 5718

1 - [redacted] Room 5714

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

FBI, Denver

Date:

FBI File No. **D-4**

Lab. No.

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RE: ADOLPH COORS, II - VICTIM

Letter #1 - COOR-NAP, POSTMARKED

DELPHOS, OHIO, 1/15/60, 4:00 P.M.

NY 100-110

1/15/60

Q1 Envelope bearing hand printed address "MR. ADOLPH COORS II
GOLDEN, COLORADO." postmarked "DELPHOS, OHIO FEB 15 1960
4 PM"

Accompanying hand printed note beginning "ADOLPH COORS II....,"
and signed on reverse side "XYZ"

Result of examination:

The envelope, Q1, is made of white bond paper con-
taining the watermark "U S 1957" and measuring 3.70" by 6.50".
Envelopes containing this watermark are available in U. S. Post
Offices. This envelope bears two four-cent stamps, one of
which is held in place with a clear plastic tape and the other
is embossed.

The paper, Q2, is irregularly cut from a larger
sheet of white, inexpensive, unruled stock. It measures
roughly 3 1/2" by 5 1/2".

The note and the address on the envelope are pre-
pared in uppercase hand printing with a soft pencil. There
appears to be no association between this letter and other
extortion letters growing out of the COOR-NAP case. This hand
printing was also searched through the Anonymous Letter File,
but nothing of significance was found. A photograph has been
taken.

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Holmes _____
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Recorded 2-19-60 11:00AM/js
Laboratory Work Sheet

LAB FILE

LC#24785

Re: Unsub, aka
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File # 9-27089-5
Lab. # D-329301 DL

MR. ADOLPH COORS, II - VICTIM
Letter #7 - COORNAP, POSTMARKED
DELPHOS, OHIO, 2/15/60, 4:00 P.M.
EXTORTION

Examination requested by: Denver (9-New)

2/16/60 (Airtel)

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Date received: 2/18/60

Result of Examination:

Examination by:

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Specimens submitted for examination

- Q1 Envelope bearing hand printed address "MR ADOLPH COORS II
GOLDEN, COLORADO." postmarked "DELPHOS, OHIO FEB 15 1960
4 PM"
- Q2 Accompanying hand printed note beginning "ADOLPH COORS II....,"
and ~~XXXXXX~~ signed "XYZ"

1 - Indianapolis
1 - Cleveland

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Form 10-1000

Date:

August 23, 1960

MEMO, MR. TOLSON
RE: ALPH COOKS, II - VICTIM
LAB. NO. 7 - COORNAP
CINCINNATI, OHIO
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No.

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Cleveland

Letter 8-19-60

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Additional known hand printing by [redacted] or any other suspects in this case are of doubtful value because of the great amount of disguise in the questioned hand printing.

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Items Q1 and Q2 were submitted by the Denver Office with an airtel dated 2-16-60; Q3 and Q4 were submitted by the Indianapolis Office with an airtel dated 2-19-60.

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- Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)
2 - Cleveland (9-1277) Enclosures (3) (K1, 2 Lab report)
1 - Indianapolis (9-1346) Enclosure (Lab report)
1 - [redacted] Room 5714 (sent direct)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: FBI, Denver

Date:
FBI File No.
Lab. No.

August 23, 1960
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D-344575 DL

CHAS. ALAN COOKS, II - VICTIM
CASE NO. 7 - COORNAP
POSTMARKED DELPHOS, OHIO
2-18-60, 4 PM
EXTORTION

Specimens received from Cleveland, 8-22-60

K1 Two application forms bearing the known hand printing and
signature of [redacted]

Results of examination:

Because of the great amount of disguise in the hand
printing on the questioned envelopes and letters, it was not
determined whether Q1 through Q4 were prepared by [redacted]
the person who did the hand printing on K1.

Item K1 is attached to copies of this report designated
for the Cleveland office. No photographs were made.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office DENVER	Office of Origin DENVER	Date 8/26/60	Investigative Period 2/16 - 8/23/60
SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, aka XEL; -R. ADOLPH COORS, II - VICTIM LETTER NO. 7 - COORNAF, ASTONABAT DELPHOS, OHIO, 1:10 P.M.		Report made by <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 20px;"></div>	b6 b7C Typed By: mf
		CHARACTER OF CASE EXTORTION	

REFERENCES:

Denver airtel to Bureau dated 2/16/60
 Airtel to Denver dated 2/19/60
 Indianapolis airtel to Bureau dated 2/19/60
 Indianapolis airtel to Denver dated 2/20/60
 (interoffice)
 Cleveland letters to Denver dated 4/28 and 6/16/60
 (interoffice)
 Cleveland letter to Bureau dated 8/19/60

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CLEVELAND

At Cleveland, Ohio, Will report results of
Laboratory examination.

Special Agent in Charge	Do not write in spaces below		
1 - Bureau 2 - Cleveland (9-1277) 2 - Denver (9-1030)	1-370-1		REC-78 13

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loaned to you by the FBI, and neither it nor its contents are to be distributed outside the agency to which loaned.

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ADMINISTRATIVE: The delayed investigation in this case was
occasioned by the developments in COORNAP,
the principal case in this matter.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Case:

Re: SA [REDACTED]
Date: August 16, 1960

Office: DENVER

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File # 9-1110

Bureau File No:

UNKNOWN SUBJECT, aka XYZ;
MR. ADOLPH COORS, II - VICTIM
LETTER NO. 7 - COORNAP, POSTMARKED
DELPHOS, OHIO, 2/15/60, 4 P. M.

RE: EXTORTION

Summary:

Letter postmarked Delphos, Ohio, 2/15/60, mailed to Mr. ADOLPH COORS, II, Golden, Colo., demanded \$200 in 10's and 20's. Letter stated that if the police find out about this or if money is not, you will never see your son again. This letter also instructed that a second letter would be received addressed to Mr. A. PRICE, c/o General Delivery, Ft. Wayne, Ind. Second letter, which was addressed to PRICE, postmarked Ottawa, Ohio, 2/18/60, instructed that a car be rented and driven to Gilboa, Ohio, where the money should be buried alongside of road by a stone quarry one mile west of Gilboa. Both letters signed "XYZ." Two latent fingerprints of value developed on front of envelope (Q3). Fingerprints not identical with latent fingerprints previously developed in COORNAP or related cases. Laboratory examination of letters and envelopes set forth. Investigation Delphos, Gilboa and Ottawa, Ohio, negative to date. Cleveland furnished laboratory two applications containing hand printing of [REDACTED]

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DETAILS:

This investigation was initiated upon information
furnished by [REDACTED], Golden, Colorado,
on February 16, 1960.

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Memorandum

SAC, DENVER (9-1030)

DATE: 2/17/60

Dictated: 2/16/60

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SA [REDACTED]

UNKNOWN SUBJECT, Aka XYZ;
Mr. ADOLPH COORS, II - VICTIM
(Letter #7 - COORNAP, Postmarked
Delphos, Ohio, February 15, 1950, 4:00 P.M.)
EXTORTION

As a result of previously being furnished written authorization
by the COORS family to examine any mail addressed to any member
of the COORS family, [REDACTED] Golden, Colorado,
on the morning of February 16, 1960, made available to SA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] a letter postmarked Delphos, Ohio, dated February 15,
1960, addressed to Mr. ADOLPH COORS, II, Golden, Colorado.

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SA [REDACTED] examined this letter, at which time it was noted
that the letter was handprinted both on the front and back of
a piece of white paper.

This letter is being retained as evidence.

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The letter addressed to Mr. ADOLPH COORS, II, Golden, Colorado, is set forth as follows:

"Adolph Coors II

"We want you. to bring \$200.000. in 10 & 20. in a old black suitcase to Ft_ Wayne_ Ind. Their you will recieve a letter a_ the Post Office. General Delivery under the name Mr_ A. Price.

"If the police find out about it in any way or if the money is hot you will never see you_ son again. Be in Ft_ Wayne Feb_ 18. Your son is in good health. It_ up to you if he stays that way.

"/s/ XYZ"

On February 16, 1960, the envelope and the letter addressed to Mr. ADOLPH COORS, II, were forwarded to the FBI Laboratory. It was requested that the letter and envelope be examined for latent fingerprints and also the letter be searched through the anonymous letter file and both items examined for evidence which would assist in tracing the source of this material.

The contents of this letter was furnished to Mr. ADOLPH COORS, II, and to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and they advised they had no intentions of complying with the instructions contained in the letter.

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The FBI Laboratory on February 19, 1960, advised that the hand printing on the note and envelope is of such a distorted nature that it is very doubtful whether an identification with known standards can ever be made.

On February 19, 1960, the FBI Laboratory furnished the following report:

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"Q1 Envelope bearing hand printed address 'MR. ADOLPH COORS II GOLDEN, COLORADO.' postmarked 'DELPHOS, OHIO FEB 15 1960 4 PM'

"Q2 Accompanying hand printed note beginning 'ADOLPH COORS II' and signed on reverse side 'XYZ'

"Result of examination:

"The envelope, Q1, is made of white bond paper containing the watermark 'U S 1957' and measuring 3.70" by 6.50". Envelopes containing this watermark are available in U. S. Post Offices. This envelope bears two four-cent stamps, one of which is held in place with a clear plastic tape and the other is embossed.

"The paper, Q2, is irregularly cut from a larger sheet of white, inexpensive, unruled stock. It measures roughly 5½" by 5½".

"The note and the address on the envelope are prepared in uppercase hand printing with a soft pencil. There appears to be no association between this letter and other extortion letters growing out of the COORNAP case. This hand printing was also searched through the Anonymous Letter File, but nothing of significance was found. A photograph has been added. "

The Latent Fingerprint Section furnished the following report dated February 23, 1960:

"Specimens: One envelope, Q1
One note, Q2

"No latent impressions of value for identification purposes developed on Q1 or Q2."

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Indianapolis (9-1346)

DATE: 2/20/60

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

Dictated: 2/19/60

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SUBJECT:

UNSUB, aka XYZ; Mr. A olph Coors, II - Victim
Letter No. 7 - Coornap, Postmarked
Delphos, Ohio, 2/15/60, 4 p.m.
EXTORTION

On February 19, 1960, a letter addressed to Mr. A. PRICE, Ft. Wayne, Indiana, with the additional address "General Delivery" below and to the left, was obtained at the General Delivery Window of the U. S. Post Office, Fort Wayne.

The envelope was addressed by handprinting and it had been canceled at 12:30 p.m., February 18, 1960, at Ottawa, Ohio.

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On February 19, 1960, the Indianapolis Office made available to the FBI Laboratory for examination the envelope and letter addressed to Mr. A. PRICE, Fort Wayne, Indiana, General Delivery.

On February 24, 1960, the FBI Laboratory made available photographs of the envelope (Q3) and letter (Q4) addressed to Mr. A. PRICE, Fort Wayne, Indiana. This letter is being set forth as follows:

"Rent a car and drive to Gilboa Ohio. There is a stone quarry one mile west bury along side of road with stones, and put a large stick on top.

"Do this at 21th of Feb. 12 PM and your son will soon be home.

"/s/ XYZ"

The FBI Laboratory also made available the results of their examination which is set forth as follows:

"Q3 Envelope bearing hand printed address 'MR A. PRICE
FT WAYNE IND' postmarked 'OTTAWA, OHIO FEB 18 1960
12:30 PM'

"Q4 Accompanying hand printed note beginning 'RENT A CAR....,'
and signed on reverse side 'XYZ'

Result of examination:

"The hand printing on the envelope and letter, Q3 and Q4, was prepared by the person who did the hand printing on the envelope and letter, Q1 and Q2, previously received. There appears to be no association between the hand printing on Q1 through Q4 and other extortion letters growing out of the COORNAP case.

"The envelope, Q3, is made of white bond paper containing the watermark 'U S 1957' and measures 3.66" by

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c.50". This envelope bears an embossed four-cent stamp. Envelopes containing this watermark are available in U. S. Post Offices. The address is hand printed in uppercase letters with a soft pencil.

"The paper comprising the note, Q4, is irregularly cut from a larger sheet of white, inexpensive, unruled stock. It measures roughly 5½" by 6½". The message is hand printed in uppercase letters with a soft pencil."

The Latent Fingerprint Section of the Identification Division on February 24, 1960, made available the following results of the latent fingerprint examination conducted on Q3 and Q4:

Specimens: One envelope, Q3
One letter, Q4

"Two latent fingerprints of value developed on front of envelope, Q3. No latent impressions of value developed on .-. These latent fingerprints are not identical with the latent fingerprints previously developed in COORNAP or related cases."

On June 16, 1960, the Cleveland Office advised as follows:

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

[redacted] Putnam County, Ottawa, Ohio, advised on May 10, 1960, that he did not recognize the hand printing in the letters postmarked at Delphos, Ohio, on February 15, 1960, and at Ottawa, postmarked February 18, 1960, which were addressed to Mr. ADOLPH COORS, II, Golden, Colorado, and Mr. A. PRICE, Ft. Wayne, Indiana, respectively.

He stated that the only two individuals who were eccentric enough to write such letters from the Putnam County area, and in particular from Gilboa area, were [redacted] and [redacted]

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[redacted] stated, however, that both [redacted] and [redacted] had not been in the Ottawa or Putnam County area for some time. He said that [redacted] some years ago, possibly four to six, had written obscene letters to various newspapers, news commentators and local citizens. He said the letters were not threatening, but were obscene. It was the opinion at that time that [redacted] was mentally unstable. Since then he has left the territory for California.

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[redacted] stated that [redacted] had left Gilboa in January, 1960, and had [redacted] [redacted] advised he is positive this individual has not been in this area.

On May 10, 1960, [redacted] Gilboa, advised she did not recognize the hand printing on the letters from Delphos and Ottawa, postmarked February 15 and February 18, 1960. She stated that [redacted] who is about 60 or 65 years old, has been in California for the past six or seven years and is employed by the Salvation Army in that state. She said he had not been in Gilboa, to her knowledge, since that time. She stated he has a [redacted]

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She advised she had not seen [redacted] since January, 1960, and noted he had reportedly left town with the [redacted]

On May 10, 1960, [redacted] an employee of the [redacted] and resident in a house directly across from the [redacted] advised that [redacted] had left Gilboa in 1956 or 1957, and had gone to California. He presently lives at [redacted] and is employed at that address by the [redacted] never returned to Ohio until 1960 in about March. He did not visit in Pandora or Gilboa, Ohio, but remained in [redacted] with his [redacted] advised that [redacted] had hitchhiked from California to Ohio and did not own an automobile.

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[redacted] advised he had not observed anyone in the area of the stone pile along the road in front of the stone quarry who might have aroused his suspicion. He stated he did not recognize the hand printing upon the envelopes postmarked at Delphos and Ottawa.

He advised [redacted] had never written any threatening letters in the past but that his letters had been obscene and he had always signed his name. b6 b7C

On May 11, 1960, [redacted]

[redacted] had arrived at her home at [redacted] on Saturday, February 13, 1960, and had left on Monday, March 14, 1960. She advised he had hitchhiked from Los Angeles to [redacted]. He had told her he had obtained a ride from Texas on a truck to about New York and then had hitchhiked back to [redacted] staying on Friday night at Marion, Ohio. She said that would have been the night of February 12, 1960.

She advised [redacted] had never left [redacted]. She said he had no automobile and her husband had never loaned [redacted] a car. She did not believe [redacted] could drive an automobile. She stated that her husband, who is currently in the hospital at Marion, had driven [redacted] but had not driven him any other place. She said, however, that he had driven [redacted] to Tiffin, Ohio, where [redacted] obtained a bus on March 14, 1960, to return to Los Angeles. She advised she is positive that [redacted] was at her home on Monday, February 15, 1960. She said he did not visit in Gilboa. b6 b7C

She said to her knowledge he had no friends whatsoever in Delphos. She advised she could not recognize the hand printing on the envelopes postmarked at Delphos and Ottawa. She stated she has never seen [redacted] hand printing, but that he is a very poor writer.

She advised he seemed much more stable on this occasion than any other time in the past.

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On May 10, 1960, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] had left Gilboa on January 14, 1960, with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has positively not been back to Gilboa since that time and in his opinion has been in Laredo, Texas, and Rapid City, South Dakota.

[REDACTED] viewed the hand printing on the envelopes postmarked at Delphos and Ottawa and stated he did not recognize same.

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On May 10, 1960, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised he had not observed anyone acting in a suspicious way in the vicinity of [REDACTED]. He stated he had noticed no one along the road in front of the quarry where the stones were piled.

[REDACTED] viewed the hand printing on the letters postmarked at Delphos and Ottawa, and stated he did not recognize this hand printing.

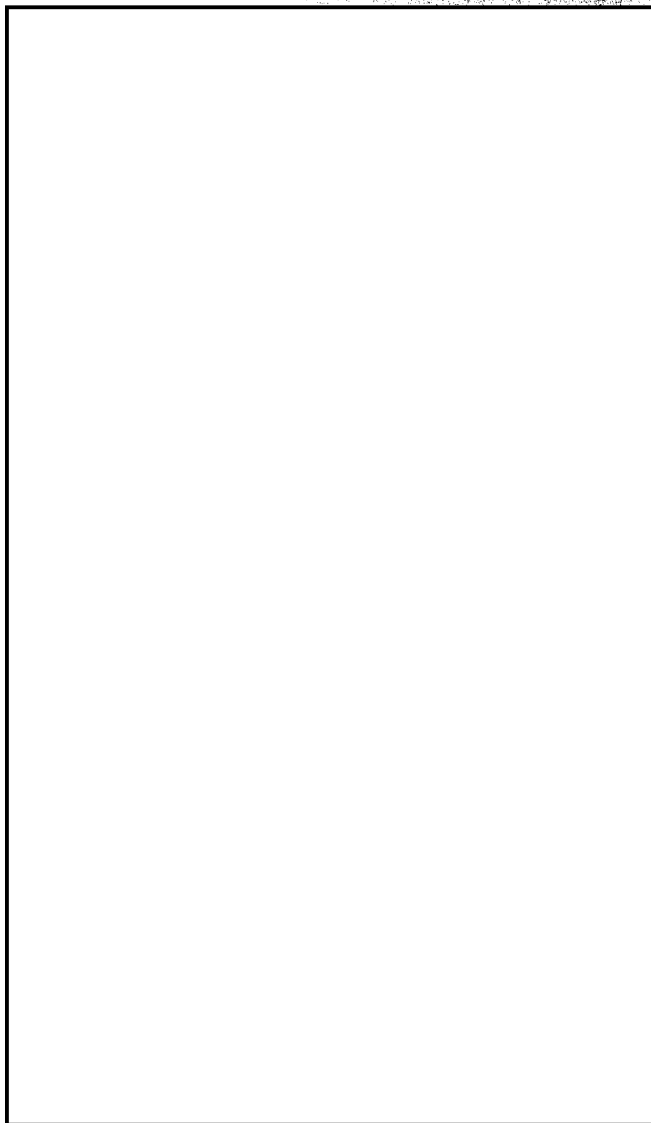
The following individuals were contacted on the dates set out after their names by SA [REDACTED] with negative results as to their recognizing the hand printing on the particular letters referred to as postmarked at Delphos on February 15, 1960, and Ottawa, February 18, 1960:



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On August 19, 1960, the Cleveland Office made available to the FBI Laboratory two applications of a [redacted]

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[redacted] for employment with [redacted]

These were furnished to SA [redacted] by [redacted]

on August 17, 1960. [redacted] had been previously contacted

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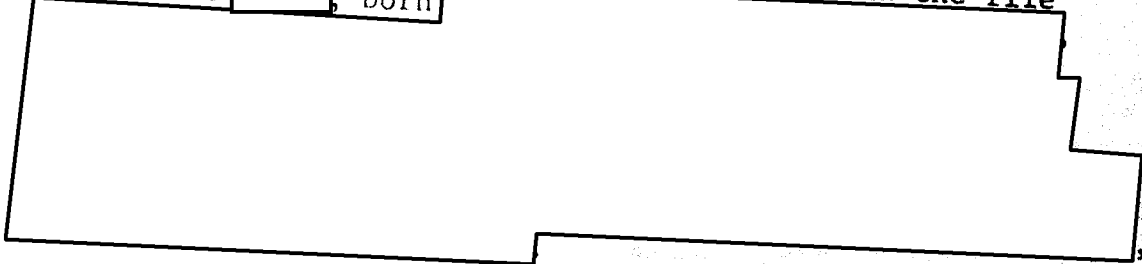
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by SA [redacted] since [redacted] is the foremost plant in the Ottawa area and [redacted] had viewed the envelopes which had enclosed the letters from "XYZ" to Mr. COORS.

On August 15, 1960, he advised that the applications of [redacted] had been brought to his attention recently and he felt there was a similarity in the hand printing on the applications and the envelopes. He noted that the dots on the letter "i" are circles, and the tails on the "Rs" in "Rail Road" seem to be slants from what had been "Ps."

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[redacted] also noted that a letter in the file shows that [redacted], born [redacted]



The Laboratory was requested to compare the hand printing on the applications with the two hand printed letters from "XYZ" to Mr. COORS to determine if there is any similarity.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

JOHN J. McGUIRE

DATE: 2-20-60

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Parsons _____
Belmont _____
Callahan _____
Conrad _____
DeLoach _____
Malone _____
McGuire _____
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

Tele. Room

Ingram

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There is enclosed the file which has been maintained in the Laboratory in connection with the above-captioned matter. It is desired that this file be maintained as an enclosure behind the main file in the Records Branch.

Enclosure

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

FBI, Denver

Date: February 24, 1960

Unsub, aka XYZ;
MR. ADOLPH LOHR, II - VICTIM
Letter No. 7 - COORRAP, Postmarked
Delphos, Ohio, 2/15/60, 4 p.m.
EXTORTION

FBI File No.
Lab. No.

D-325457 DL

2/22/60

Specimens received

Envelope bearing hand printed address "MI A. PRICE
MI A. PRICE" postmarked "OTTAWA, OHIO FEB 18 1960"

Accompanying hand printed note beginning "RENT A CAR....."
and signed on reverse side "XYZ"

Result of examination:

The hand printing on the envelope and letter, Q3 and Q4, was prepared by the person who did the hand printing on the envelope and letter, Q1 and Q2, previously received. There appears to be no association between the hand printing on Q1 through Q4 and other extortion letters growing out of the COORRAP case.

The envelope, Q3, is made of white bond paper containing the watermark "U S 1957" and measures 3.66" by 6.50". This envelope bears an embossed four-cent stamp. Envelopes containing this watermark are available in U. S. Post Offices. The address is hand printed in uppercase letters with a soft pencil.

The paper comprising the note, Q4, is irregularly cut from a larger sheet of white, inexpensive, unruled stock. It measures roughly 5 1/2" by 6 1/2". The message is hand printed in uppercase letters with a soft pencil.

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